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AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN IN IT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Union Government propose to increase tie up between India and Japan in Information Technology sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any discussions have been held between two countries in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the Indian I.T. sector is likely to be benefited by this tie-up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) and (b): Continuous efforts are being made by the Union Government for increasing exports in the Information Technology sector to several countries, including Japan. With a view to increase our export to Japan, several initiatives have been taken by Government and industry associations which, inter-alia, include participation in exhibitions and seminars held in Japan for promoting IT, launching of a scheme for Language Related Market Access Facilitation Initiative in the Japanese IT Market (LRMAFI) for providing financial assistance to IT exporters and IT students for successful completion of courses in Japanese language and interaction at the highest level in both the Governments.

(c) and (d): On a invitation from the Japanese Government, a high level delegation visited Japan in September, 2001, to participate in India-Japan IT Summit and IT Persons Meet. The members of the National Advisory Committee on Information Technology also accompanied the delegation and participated in the IT Eminent Persons Meet.

Several important issues of mutual concern for increasing India-Japan Cooperation in the field of IT for promoting development of IT industry in both the countries were discussed. Both sides agreed that they should endeavour to mutually complement each other`s strengths and requirements to compete in third country markets. This would be advantageous to industry in both the countries.